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SUBJECT: MILITARY SUPPLIES FOR TURKEY

REFS: A. USNATO 1536 (EXDIS); B. ANKARA 2337 (EXDIS);

C. USNATO 1569 (EXDIS)

1. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT AT LAST RESTRICTED DPC ON  
TURKEY'S PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE CUT-OFF OF USMILITARY-  
RELATED ASSISTANCE AND SALES, TURKEY AND A NUMBER OF  
OTHER ALLIES APPEARED INCLINED TO FOCUS ON A CRITIQUE OF  
THE UNITED STATES RATHER THAN ON AN EXAMINATION OF WAYS  
OTHER ALLIES MIGHT MEET IMMEDIATE TURKISH NEEDS.

2. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT TURKEY IN PARTICULAR UNDERSTANDS  
OUR PURPOSE IN ASKING THE DPC TO CONSIDER THE PROBLEM OF  
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TURKISH AID. WE SEE IT AS A PRACTICAL EFFORT TO MEET AT

LEAST SOME OF TURKEY'S REQUIREMENTS FOR CRITICAL NATO MILITARY NEEDS RESULTING FROM US AID CUT-OFF. VARIOUS ALLIES MIGHT BE ABLE TO MEET MANY OF THESE NEEDS. BUT TURKEY WILL HAVE TO COOPERATE AND IDENTIFY THE MATERIAL IT NEEDS. THIS CONCLUSION BASED ON INITIAL REVIEW OF POTENTIAL ALTERNATIVE SOURCES:

A. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 182 PURELY COMMERCIAL (NON-MAP, NON-FMS) US LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS WORLDWIDE (152 IN NATO COUNTRIES) WHEREBY ITEMS ON THE US MUNITIONS LIST ARE

MANUFACTURED ABROAD BY FOREIGN FIRMS. THE ITEMS CONCERNED RUN THE GAMUT FROM SPARE PARTS TO WHOLE ITEMS SUCH AS AIRCRAFT AND TANKS. EACH LICENSING ARRANGEMENT SPECIFIES WHETHER OR NOT USG APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR INDIVIDUAL SALES. RANDOM CHECKING OF SEVEN LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS SHOWED THAT IN FIVE CASES THE FOREIGN FIRMS CONCERNED COULD SELL THE ITEM IN QUESTION TO TURKEY WITHOUT CHECKING WITH THE USG, WHILE IN TWO CASES THEY COULD NOT. EXAMPLES OF WHAT COULD BE PROVIDED THE GOT WITHOUT US CONCURRENCE INCLUDE AGUSTA-BELL HELICOPTERS (MODELS 204, 205, 206, 212, AND 47J), SIKORSKY S-61 HELICOPTERS PRODUCED IN THE UK BY WESTLAND, AIRCRAFT SPARE PARTS PRODUCED BY THE FRG FIRM OF VDOLW AND AIRCRAFT SPARE PARTS PRODUCED BY THE UK FIRM NORMALAU-GARRETT.

B. THIS EXAMINATION OF SEVERAL LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS SUGGESTS THAT THERE MAY BE A SIZEABLE AMOUNT OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT WHICH THE GOT COULD OBTAIN FROM NATO FIRMS. WE BELIEVE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS THE TURKS NEED AND AVAILABLE SOURCES WITHIN OTHER NATO COUNTRIES RESTS WITH GOT AND OTHER ALLIES. FOR USG TO TAKE LEAD IN THIS MATTER WOULD NOT BE COMPATIBLE WITH SPIRIT OF APPLICABLE US LAW. HOWEVER, WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO RESPOND TO ANY REQUESTS FROM GOT OR OTHER NATO ALLIES REGARDING IDENTIFICATION OF SOURCES OF POTENTIAL ALLIED ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY OR OTHER SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

3. FOR ANKARA: YOU SHOULD DISCUSS FOREGOING WITH GOT

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EMPHASIZING THAT IN VIEW OF PERTINENT US LAW, USG CANNOT INITIATE REQUEST THAT TURKEY DEVELOP A LIST OF MATERIAL IT NEEDS AND SUBMIT IT TO THE DPC. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY OFFER WHATEVER ASSISTANCE (INCLUDING JUSMMAT) GOT MAY REQUIRE IN SUCH EFFORT AND SAY THAT WITHIN DPC FRAMEWORK WE WILL BE AS COOPERATIVE AS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE LAW (USNATO 1294).

4. FOR USNATO: YOU MAY ALSO DRAW ON FOREGOING WITH  
TURKISH PERMREP AND OTHERS AT YOUR DISCRETION IN AN  
EFFORT TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES YOU SET FORTH PARA 9  
USNATO 1536.

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